

Franklin School
Southeast corner 13th and K Streets, NW
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY ,	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Franklin School		HABS NO. DC-289
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Southeast corner 13th and K Streets, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1865-1869	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Adolph Cluss	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Innovative school design which won prizes at international exhibitions; attended by children of several presidents; site of first wireless telephone message transmitted by Alexander Graham Bell.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with stone trim		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 147'-6" (9-bays) by 79'-9" (six bays); 3-stories plus partially exposed basement; facade has central 78' high section with mansard roof; 2 flanking wings 66' high with flat roofs		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Octagonal ventilating towers at four corners and flanking central pavilion; cast-iron window hoods, corbeled cornice; ornamental banding of white stone.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Two entrances and symmetrical interior reflect original segregation by sex; large hall with clerestory lighting on third floor.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Present condition fair to good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974</u> , Listed on National Register of Historic Places- Category II District of Columbia Landmark.		
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